

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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January 14, 2024

## Mass Schedule:

Mon., Tues., Fri. - 12:00 Noon  
Saturday Vigil - 5:30 pm  
Sunday - 9:00 am  
Reconciliation OLP/SP Wednesday 4:00-5:00pm  
SJB/HT Thursday 4:00-5:00pm

## Office Hours for SJB/HT

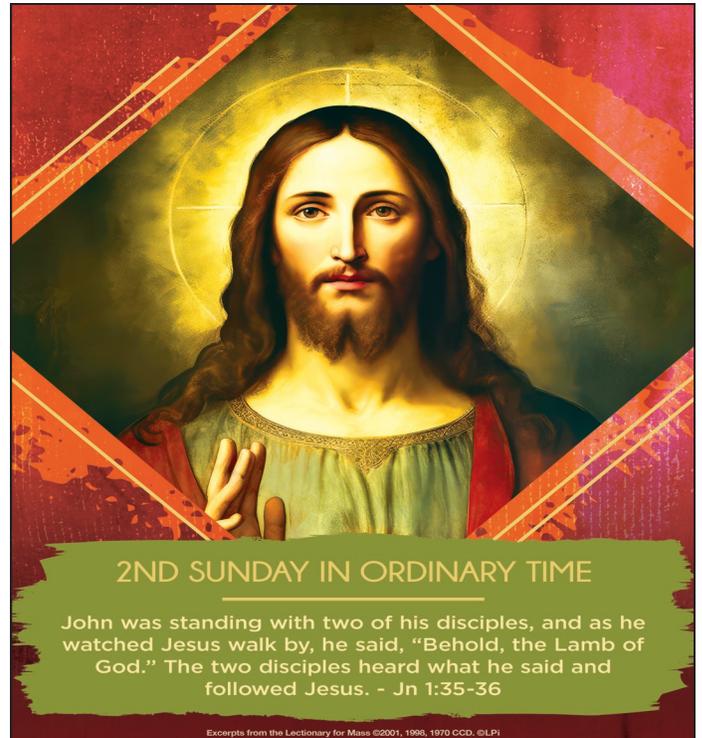
Monday~Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm  
Friday 9:00am-2:30pm  
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## St. John The Baptist/Holy Trinity

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm  
Sunday, 9:00am  
Monday, Tuesday & Friday Noon in Chapel

## Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church

Saturday, 4:00pm ~~~~~ Saturday, 6:00pm Vietnamese  
Sunday, 7:30am, 11:30am & 5:00pm  
Sunday, 9:30am Vietnamese  
Tuesday – Friday 9:00am in Chapel



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## Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all *real*.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, **"...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon."** Why does that tiny detail matter? Because *that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives*. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our *human* nature. It's about a human relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

## SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

**Pastor** Father Daniel Caruso  
**Secretary/Bulletin** Nancy Bergeson

**Senior Priest in Residence** Fr. Lester Smith  
**In Residence** Fr. Paschal Anionye

**Music Director/Organist** James Stanley  
**Buildings/Grounds** Robert Warren  
**Religious Education** Betty Warren

## SJB/HT Religious Education

There are no Religious Ed classes this week, Jan. 14th, but classes will resume on Jan. 21st. Happy Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Please pray for our students as they continue their education. Please especially pray for our 2 Confirmation II students who will be receiving their Confirmation on April 16th, and our 4 First Penance/First Communion students who will be receiving these Sacraments in the Spring.



## A Family Perspective Family Life Education

Jesus' question in today's Gospel is still valid today: "What are you looking for?" What do you want from your spouse, children or parents? Families are populated with imperfect people. To expect perfection is unreal. To expect and accept imperfection is wisdom.

## Pray For Vocations

"Come, and you will see." How are you being called to come and see how you can build up the kingdom of God as His co-worker? Consider the generous service of priesthood or consecrated life. Reach out to the Vocation Office via email: [vocations@syrdio.org](mailto:vocations@syrdio.org) and follow us on Instagram @vocationsyracuse.



## Reflect: Readings and Gospel for 2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

### First Reading:

In the Lord's call to Samuel, Eli teaches Samuel the importance of "listening" to God's voice.

Can you name something you have heard from the Lord?

### Second Reading:

Paul saw our physical bodies as a temple of the Holy Spirit, destined to be raised after death just as Jesus was raised from the dead. What are some ways to treat your body with reverence and respect?

### Gospel:

In John's account of the call of the first disciples, we hear the first words Jesus speaks in the Gospel of John: "What are you looking for?" How can you convince family or friends that Jesus is what we all should be looking for? ©LPi

## New Diocesan Web Site

Explore the Diocese of Syracuse's new website, a digital sanctuary offering a unique Catholic content feature that includes Bishop Barron's insightful Advent Reflections! Immerse yourself in a spiritually enriching online experience, navigating through a seamless platform dedicated to fostering faith and connection within our community of faith. Visit [www.syracusediocese.org](http://www.syracusediocese.org) to learn more.



## (Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman  
Those Who Seek the Truth



In my work as a freelance writer, I have a regular column in the archdiocesan paper writing profiles of ordinary people in the local church. Laity, religious, and clergy alike — I hound them all to give me an interview, and when I do, the answer is almost always this: "You don't want to talk to me. There's nothing special about me."

I always try to convince them that there is something remarkable about everyone who is searching for the truth. It is easy to think we are not made for holiness because we are ordinary people with ordinary habits, ordinary abilities, and ordinary sins. It is easy (and very convenient) to designate holiness as something belonging to Better People. People like the saints. People like the Disciples.

The Bible gives us next to no personal information about the disciples. There is no archdiocesan newspaper profile on Andrew and Simon that can give us insight into who they were before they became St. Andrew, Inaugural Disciple and Announcer of the Messiah, and St. Peter, First Pope and the Rock-Upon-Which-Christ-Built-His-Church.

Yet I find myself insatiably curious about it. What was their childhood like? What games did they play with each other as the sun set, before their mother called them into bed? What did they think of as they fell asleep at night? What secret jokes did they share to make each other laugh? What were they afraid of? What did they hope for? Who did they want to be?

Before they were towering figures of salvation history, Simon and Andrew were just two men searching for the truth. When they looked at Christ, there was something that made it click. Perhaps they themselves could not identify what it was, but their hearts whispered it nonetheless: There it is. We finally found it.

Isn't that the best we can all hope for?

*"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" — John 1:38 ©LPi*

## Contribution Statements

If you require a SJB/HT Contribution Statement of your church donations for 2023 taxes, please contact the rectory during office hours, 315-478-0916, email at [nbergeson@syrdio.org](mailto:nbergeson@syrdio.org) or fill in the slip below and send to SJB/HT 406 Court St. Syr. NY 13208, or, save a stamp and put your request in a plain envelope and put it into the collection basket attention "Nancy".

**PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR REQUEST INTO YOUR CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES.**

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### 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Mass Schedule for SJB/HT & OLP/SP**

**Saturday January 13, 2024**

**4:00pm OLP/SP** - Joseph DeLorio - Frank & Sue  
Joseph Marinelli - John Minozzi  
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph  
Angeline DiMascoli - Grandson, Anthony  
**5:30pm SJB/HT** - Giuseppi Migliore - The Family  
Estacchio & Giovanna Bruno - The Family  
Robert Donovan - Mr. & Mrs. Michael Morgia

**Sunday January 14, 2024**

**7:30am OLP/SP** - N/A  
**9:00am SJB/HT** - Rita Carroll - Twin Cousins  
Francesco Canzano - The Family  
Benny R. Sobon - Pat & Norm Jaquin  
**11:30am OLP/SP** - N/A  
**5:00pm OLP/SP** - N/A

**Monday January 15, 2024**

**12:00pm SJB/HT** - No Noon Mass

**Tuesday January 16, 2024**

**9:00am OLP/SP** - N/A  
**12:00pm SJB/HT** - No intention

**Wednesday January 17, 2024**

**9:00am OLP/SP** - N/A  
**4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession**

**Thursday January 18, 2024**

**9:00am OLP/SP** - N/A  
**4:00pm-5:00pm SJB/HT Confession**

**Friday January 19, 2024**

**9:00am OLP/SP** - N/A  
**12:00pm SJB/HT** - For the people

**Saturday January 20, 2024**

**4:00pm OLP/SP** - N/A  
**5:30pm SJB/HT** - Vincenzo Abbatiello - The Family  
Gacchino & Tina Bruno - The Family

**Sunday January 21, 2024**

**7:30am OLP/SP** - N/A  
**9:00am SJB/HT** - Fr. David James - Jack Wall  
**11:30am OLP/SP** - N/A  
**5:00pm OLP/SP** - N/A

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." — Jn 1:38-39

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



**HOPE Appeal Update**

To date our pledges/donations to the HOPE Appeal are \$16,170.00. The assessment for SJB/HT parish is \$20,000.00. Thank you for your kind and thoughtful donations.

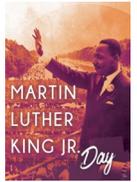


**Lector Schedule - Jan. 20th & Jan. 21st**

5:30pm SJB/HT: Owen Donovan  
9:00am SJB/HT: Mary Barraco

**Rectory Offices Closed/No Noon Mass**

On Monday, January 15th the rectories at SJB/HT & OLP/SP will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. There will be no Noon Mass at SJB/HT Church this day.



**"The time is always right to do what is right."**

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**Sacrificial Giving**

Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions about our parish finances.

Week January 6th & January 7th

SJB/HT Collection: \$3,707.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$7,348.00

Thank you to all those parishioners who have faithfully been mailing their envelopes because they still cannot attend Mass. If you have been away or have been unable to attend Mass, please remember to send your donation to the Parish Office. We appreciate whatever you can do to help with expenses.



**Remember:** Mike Affleck, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, B.J. Bubniak Family, Arlene Bukowski, De De Calkins, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Theresa Domathowski, Hank Donohue, Ginny & Erin Donovan, Jenny Emmi, Tenley Farrow, Marilyn Ferretti, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Camille Grosso, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Josephine Indelicato, Mary Isgar, Carla Johnson, tony Lauretto, Shirley Kerr, Emma Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Judy & Skip Marioritti, Darlene Morgia, Diane Moro, Peggy Palerino, The Pavia Children, Antoinette Perotta, Philomena Piraino, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Sal Scro, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Esther Sindoni, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Timothy K. Suppes, Barbara Traino, Gerry Vaccaro, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins and Fred Wheeler. **We also remember in our prayers our Service Men and Women and our Health Care Workers.**



**Please look through our prayer list and let me know if there is any name that should be removed. I may not have all the updates on who has passed away or who has recovered and no longer in need of prayer. Also, if you would like to add any name of those who are in need of prayers.**